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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esquire
Governor. Captain General and Commander in Chief in
and over the State of Vermont
A PROCLAMATION

The Supreme disposer of events having been graciously pleased to order the providential occurrences of the year past one to call loudly for the praise and adoration of individuals and of community at large and as a public acknowledgement of the inestimable and unceasing bounties of a gracious and merciful GOD; is at all times an incumbent and ought to be a delightful duty of every national mind;

I have thought fit. by and with the advice of my Council. and at the request of the General Assembly. to appoint and do hereby appoint Thursday the 27th day of November next to be observed as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise. throughout this State and I do hereby earnestly recommend to all persons residing within the same strictly to observe said day that we may with united hearts render unfeigned praises to the munificent Bestower of every desirable gift for the manifold mercies of the year past. both of a public and private nature — That it has pleased him to order the seasons in infinite mercy. abundantly to replenish the earth and to crown the labour of the husbandman with plentiful harvests — That he has caused a spirit of unanimity to pervade all ranks of people among us; and preserved us from internal feuds and from foreign invasion: and humbly to implore that he would direct it and by such means as may be necessary to put into execution the Federal Government of the United States and establish it on a permanent basis so that it may contribute to the best good of that extensive empire — That it may graciously please his adorable Majesty to order, in the course of events. that the United States offer their friendship and the protection of their government on equal terms

to this stock. so that we may be enabled to join them in Perfect Union. That under the divine auspices. we may become a band of brothers a people zealous of good works whose highest ambition shall be to honor and adore his name. and under the banner of the divine Redeemer to extend an empire that shall prove our system for the persecuted and destressed from every quarter of the globe

At the same time under a deep sense of our unworthiness. to implore his forgiveness of our manifoldsins and a continuance of his favor towards us our allies. and the whole world of mankind

Given under my hand in the Council Chamber in Manchester this 20th day of October 1789 in the twelfth year of our independence

Thomas Chittenden

By his Excellency's Command

Joseph Fay Secretary

God save the People.